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SUBJ: MITRIONE/FLY KIDNAPPINGS: REPORTS OF MITRIONE'S DEATH

SHORTLY AFTER 12:30 PM TODAY (AUG 9) THREE MONTEVIDEO RADIO STATIONS RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIMED TO BE MLN MEMBERS AND WHO READ WHAT THEY CALLED COMMUNIQUE NO. 10 OF ORGANIZATION. IN ALL THREE CASES CALLERS REPORTED MITRIONE EXECUTED AT 12:30 LOCAL TIME. ONE ADDED DETAIL THAT INFORMATION AS TO WHERE BODY COULD BE FOUND WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN COMMUNIQUE NO. 11 WHICH WILL BE RELEASED AT 14:30 LOCAL TIME. THAT VERSION CONTINUES THAT TWO REMAINING HOSTAGES WILL BE EXECUTED AT 15:30 LOCAL TIME IF IN MEANWHILE PRESIDENT REFUSES TO EXCHANGE IMPRISONED MLN MEMBERS.

2. EMBASSY UNABLE CONFIRM AUTHENTICITY OF ALLEGED COMMUNIQUE AND THUS FAR CALLERS HAVE NOT INDICATED THAT WRITTEN VERSION WILL BE FORTHCOMING. OBVIOUSLY MESSAGES COULD BE WORK OF CRANKS.

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